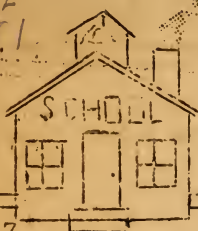


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SPONSORS SHOULD REPORT FOOD INVENTORIES WHEN MAKING FINAL SLP CLAIM

An inventory of food stocks remaining on hand at the close of school lunch programs should accompany the final claim for payments due on the school lunch contract. The approximate value of the remaining food will be deducted from the final claim, and the balance will then be remitted by the Office of Distribution. Many schools, by careful meal planning, however, will close their school lunch programs for the year with the cupboards bare except for a few staples such as salt, and other items not purchased by funds provided by the Office of Distribution.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS HELP DURING EMERGENCY

With a surplus of eggs throughout the country, and with a critical situation facing the egg industry, efforts have been made by the Office of Distribution, to increase consumption of eggs by appealing to housewives, grocer, restaurants, and school lunch groups. If each family in the country would use just one extra dozen eggs during the emergency period now in effect, the problem would be solved. Many North Dakota school lunch sponsors have reported that additional egg dishes have been added on the lunch menus. In addition to the patriotic aspect, egg prices are such that economical meals may be served..and, as one sponsor said, "Eggs mean a saving of ration points." Do your part--SERVE EGGS.

MANY SCHOOLS EXTEND HOT LUNCH CONTRACTS

It is not too late to extend the closing date of contracts for the School Lunch Program, and many sponsors of the projects in North Dakota are continuing to serve hot meals to school children and plan that operation until the close of school. Sponsors who desire to extend the dates of their contracts may do so by merely writing to the Office of Distribution, 400 deLendrecie Building, Fargo, North Dakota, stating the revised date of closing.

FOOD FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

The following is a list of foods that will be in relative abundance during the month of May.

EGGS*

Oranges
Raisins
Dry Mix Soups
Oatmeal

WHITE POTATOES

Peanut Butter
Dried Prunes
Soya Products
Rye Breakfast Foods

CANNED PEAS*

Canned green and wax beans
Citrus Marmalade
Wheat flour and Bread
Macaroni, spaghetti, Noodles

*Items starred and capitalized are plentiful, and should be featured in school lunch menus if possible.

Check with your local merchants for other No-Point Low-Point items.

????? and ANSWERS

The Wisconsin DINNER BELL, published by the Wisconsin state office of Distribution for its school lunch sponsors, recently published a series of questions and answers dealing with matters pertinent to operation of the School Lunch Program. The material is reprinted for benefit of North Dakota sponsors who may be experiencing some difficulties in understanding various procedures. The questions and answers recently printed follow:

- Q. Will our program operations be audited by the Government?
- A. Audits are now being conducted by the War Food Administration so keep all your records as you never can tell when your program will be checked.
- Q. Sometimes we get a good "buy" by purchasing a large quantity of a certain eligible food. If we make claim for the entire month in one particular month, will not our payment be reduced by WFA?
- A. That is possible. In such cases claim only for the value of the food that you actually used during that particular month, and claim balance the next month.
- Q. I discovered, since receiving my January WFA reimbursement, that I claimed and received payment for the purchase of some foods not on the eligible list. What shall I do?
- A. Send a certified check or money order for the amount claimed in error, made payable to "Treasurer of the United States", to the Area Supervisor, of the Office of Distribution, with a letter of explanation. He will send it to WFA State Supervisor.
- Q. We will have some eligible food on hand when our program closes - what should be done with it?
- A. When you submit your final claim on Form 536, attach to your 536 your inventory of these eligible foods which you have left. Payment will take into account the amount of this inventory. If handled in this manner the food can then be disposed of by the co-sponsor through any channel desired.

PETERSON PROPOSES Leonard Peterson, Office of Distribution, Area Supervisor at
PLANTING PROJECTS Minot has been quite active in his area regarding either the planting of a school garden or for school lunch sponsors to suggest to local Victory Gardeners that when they plant their own garden, they include several rows of vegetables for use by the school lunch project next year. Either plan has merit, although the latter is perhaps the better as in many cases a school garden will not receive sufficient care during the vacation periods. The Victory Gardener, however, can tend the "School Lunch Rows" along with his own.

This issue of the SCHOOL LUNCH NEWS will be the final one for the school year. The material that has been printed has been done with the hopes of assisting School Lunch Sponsors in the fine program they have undertaken. The NEWS is grateful to the many persons who have contributed to its columns from time to time, and also for the many splendid reports regarding school lunch activities, menus, and comments upon the "worth-whileness" of the entire program.